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1. Between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 4 September 1951, source observed that Alt Loennowitz airfield was heavily guarded by patrols and sentries. About 20 jet planes, apparently MiG-15s, were parked along the runway and another line of 8 jet planes was perpendicular to a runway. Five green single-engine planes were in front of the eastern hangars. Eight aircraft crates of the same type as previously observed in Grossenhain and Brandis were seen in front of the western hangar. Ten jet planes were observed in this hangar. \*

2. MiG-15s were observed taking off at 8:23, 8:25, 8:27, 8:28, 8:31, 8:32, 8:36, 8:38, 8:43, 9:02, 9:05, 9:07, 9:09, 9:10, and 9:12 a.m. Because of the great distance from which source made his observations, no numbers were identified. Source observed that two of the planes had 3-digit red numbers on their fuselages. Visibility was good. Motor vehicles observed on the northern road of the field included

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3. From 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 18 September 1951, Alt Loennowitz airfield was observed from its eastern and southern borders. Visibility was about 5 km and the cloud base was about 700 meters. There were intermittent showers. At 9:30 a.m., 4 jet fighters landed in quick succession. Thereupon, groups of 2 to 6 jet fighters, which practiced formation flying, took off and landed continuously. Most of the planes climbed above the clouds. At 1:10 p.m. nine jet fighters took off at intervals of 30 seconds and flew over the field in formation at a high altitude. Flying discontinued after the nine jet planes landed at 1:45 p.m. Twenty-seven MiG-15s were observed north of the runway, 1 low-wing monoplane with radial engine and a biplane east of the runway. All the hangars were open and empty. Red aircraft numbers which were identified on the fuselages of landing planes, included

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4. The status of the radio installations east of the field had not changed. \*\*\* The southern edge of the installation was guarded by sentries posted in trenches which were beside the road while others were sitting in trees. Truck with 20 air force soldiers approached the field from the direction of Falkenberg.

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[REDACTED] The aircraft observed probably do not represent the total aircraft strength available at the field, since, according to another source, Alt Loennewitz airfield is occupied by two fighter regiments. The total number of aircraft stationed there is estimated at 60.

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[REDACTED] The system applied to the numbering of aircraft stationed at the field is still unknown. Only few such numbers, some of which were also observed on aircraft stationed at other airfields used by the 65th Ftr Corps, have been observed there to date.

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[REDACTED] There is no 65th Fighter Corp in Germany. The 61st Fighter Corps had two fighter regiments at Alt Loennewitz on the date of observations.

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[REDACTED] This statement refers to the landing beacons and [REDACTED] RF station whose locations were reported previously. [REDACTED]

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